

***Remarks***

As per the Amendment filed on April 30, 2007, reconsideration of this Application is respectfully requested. Claims 109, 110, 112-115, 118-121, 125-128, and 132-142 are pending in the Application, with claims 109, 110, and 118 being the independent claims. Claims 109, 110, 118, 133, 134, and 138 are amended. Claims 11, 116, 117, 122-124, and 129-131 are cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 1 through 108 were previously cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.

Per the preceding Amendment, within the "Amendments to the Claims," a complete listing of all of the claims has been presented in ascending numerical order. In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of July 26, 2007, the claims have been amended only to correctly identify claims 140-142 as "previously presented." These changes introduce no new matter and their entry is respectfully requested.

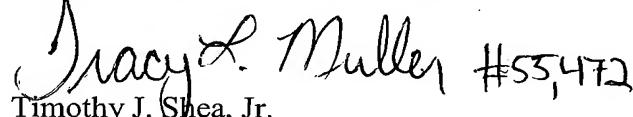
Applicants believe that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 C.F.R. § 1.121). Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the above Amendment, and entry of the Amendments filed on April 30, 2007 (incorporated herein by reference).

Based on the Amendment and Remarks filed on April 30, 2007, and the present Amendment, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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